



How to Register & Prepare for the SAT

(General and Subject Tests, 2011-12)

Why Take the SAT? Many universities in the United States require applicants to undergraduate (*premier cycle*) programs to take the SAT. Some also require applicants to take SAT Subject Test(s). Consult each university's website to determine whether or not you need to take the test(s). Universities may use SAT scores to evaluate an applicant's readiness for the rigors of university studies, and as a common scale to measure applicants. Applicants come from varying educational backgrounds and countries, and the SAT provides a common measure for comparing their qualifications.

SAT scores may also be used to determine a student's eligibility for scholarships.

What is the SAT General Test? The SAT measures a student's ability to think critically, solve problems logically, and communicate in writing.

Structure of SAT General Test

Skills Measured	Format	Time	Score Scale
Critical Reading	19 Sentence completions and 48 Passage-based reading questions	70 minutes (two 25-min. sections and one 20-min. section)	200 - 800
Mathematics	44 Multiple-choice questions and 10 questions that provide no answer choices	70 minutes (two 25-min. sections and one 20-min. section)	200 - 800
Writing	Essay writing and 49 Multiple-choice questions	60 minutes (one 25-min. essay, one 25-min. multiple-choice section, and one 10-min. multiple-choice section)	200 - 800

Total Testing Time = 3 hours and 45 minutes.

When is the SAT Offered? The general and subject tests are offered in October, November, December, January, May and June. For exact international testing dates, visit <http://sat.collegeboard.org/register/sat-international-dates>.

How Do You Register? Students in Cameroon **must** use a paper registration form. Online registration, telephone re-registration, test center changes and standby registration are not permitted for test-takers in Cameroon.

Registration forms and booklets are available from the guards at the Consular entrance to the [U.S. Embassy](#), in the [James Baldwin Information Resource Center](#) at the U.S. Embassy, the [American Corners](#) in Buea and Garoua, and the American Language Centers in Douala and Yaounde. **Registration forms and booklets are available for free.**

If you would like to register for the SAT General Test **and** the SAT Subject Test(s), then you need two separate registration forms. You cannot register for the General Test and Subject Test(s) using the same form.

The SAT General Test registration fees total US\$78. Complete the paper registration form and mail it with your payment by check from a U.S. bank or money order in U.S. dollars payable to "The College Board." **Credit cards are NOT accepted for testing in Cameroon.**

Tips on Completing the SAT Registration Form:

- Some questions on the registration form require you to supply a particular code in order to answer the question. Codes needed to complete this registration form—international test center codes, university codes, country codes, and college major codes—can be found at <http://sat.collegeboard.org/register/sat-code-search>.
- Entering Name: Make sure you enter your name as it appears on the photo ID you will present to enter the test center. Your first name is your given name. Your last name is your family/surname. If you do not have a middle name or initial (which many Cameroonians do not), then leave that space blank.
- Questions 4 and 5: Leave these blank. International students do not have Social Security Numbers (SSN). If, however, you are a U.S. citizen, then you would fill in the corresponding ovals for your SSN. Only two schools in Cameroon have a College Board High School Code. Unless you attended African American Academy or Longla Comprehensive College, leave this question blank.
- Current Grade Level: Use the following guide to equate your grade level to the U.S. 9th grade = currently in your first year of O level studies or *Probatoire* studies. 10th grade = currently in your second year of O level studies or *Probatoire* studies. 11th grade = currently in your first year of A level studies or *Baccalaureat* studies. 12th grade = currently in your second year of A level studies or *Baccalaureat* studies.
- Test Centers: The SAT is offered at the **American Language Center in Yaounde, Test Center Code 76-685**; and the American Language Centers in Douala, **Test Center Code is 76-610**.
- Score Report Recipients: The registration fee includes sending your score report to up to 4 universities. The recipients must be indicated on the registration form or on the Correction Form and handed to the test supervisor on the test day. You will be required to pay a fee to have scores sent at a later date or to additional recipients.
- International Mailing Address: Cameroon has no postal codes, so leave this blank. You may use your cell phone number in place of home telephone number. The country code for Cameroon is **095**.
- SAT Questionnaire: This section is entirely optional. You are not required to fill out this section. If you choose to fill out this section, simply answer the questions to the best of your ability. Refer to page 28 of the Paper Registration Guide if you need help.
- Mailing the registration form and payment to the U.S.: Students are strongly encouraged to use some type of courier service to mail their registration to the U.S. The registration envelope (with payment sealed inside) will be placed in a larger envelope provided by the courier service. If you are using a courier service to send your registration form to the US, use this address for College Board:
Attention SAT Program
901 South 42nd Street
Mount Vernon, IL 62864 USA
- You are strongly encouraged to go to <http://sat.collegeboard.org> and create your free College Board Student Account ("My Organizer"). It is important that the student information you enter to create your account is exactly the same as the information you provided on the paper registration form.

Where Can You Find Test Preparation Materials? Free and for-pay test preparation materials are available online. To learn more, visit <http://sat.collegeboard.org>. Links to 100 SAT preparation websites can be found at <http://satguide.yolasite.com/>. Study guides and practice tests are also available at the EducationUSA Advising Center.

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